

STATISTICS

OF

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND,

FOR

1847.

COMPILED FROM OFFICIAL RECORDS IN THE COLONIAL
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

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LIST OF TABLES.

MEMORANDUM.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 1st July, 1848.

THE following Statistical Tables,—54 in number,—which have been compiled from Official Documents deposited in my Office, are submitted for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor:—

No. 1 is a Return of the amount of Revenue received into the Colonial Treasury during the year 1847, with the several sources from which the Revenue was derived, amounting to £150,474 1s. 9d.

No. 2 is a Return of the Expenditure during the year 1847, amounting to £142,497 19s. 3d.

No. 3 is an Account of the Number and Tonnage of Vessels (British and Foreign) that entered Inwards, and cleared Outwards, at the several Ports of Van Diemen's Land in the year 1847. Under the head of Vessels entered Inwards or cleared Outwards for *Foreign States*, are included Foreign and Colonial Whaling Vessels, proceeding to or coming from the South Seas.

No. 4 is a Return of the Value of Imports into, and Exports from, Van Diemen's Land during the year 1847.

No. 5 is a detailed Return showing the Articles imported and exported during the year 1847, with the Value of each description of Import and Export.

No. 6 is a Return of the Number and Tonnage of Vessels belonging to the Ports of Van Diemen's Land in 1847.

No. 7 is a Return of the Shipping engaged in the Fisheries, with the Value of their Produce during 1847; also a statement of the Number of Vessels built during the year 1847.

No. 8 is a Return of the Number of Vessels employed in the Coasting Trade between Hobart Town and Launceston during the year 1847.

No. 9 is a Return relative to Land in the Colony, showing the extent of Land in each Police District, the Number of Acres granted and sold to Settlers, with the quantity of Land under Cultivation; also the extent of Crown Land held by Settlers under Depasturing Licences, in 1847.

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No. 15 is a Return of the number of Licences for the Sale of Wine, Beer, and Spirits granted in Van Diemen's Land during the year 1847. The Licence for permission to sell Wines and Spirits, &c. by Wholesale is fixed at £10 per annum, and that for selling by Retail at £25 per annum.

No. 16 is a Return of the number of Post Offices, and persons employed; extent of Post Roads; number of Letters and Newspapers forwarded from, and of Letters received at, Hobart Town; together with the gross Income and Expenditure, during the year 1847. In the amount of Revenue derived from Postage during the year is included the sum of £1500 received from the British Treasury for the Postage of Letters on Convict and Military subjects.

No. 17 is a Return of the number of Letters which passed through the Two-penny Post Offices at Hobart Town and Launceston during the year 1847.

No. 18 is a Return of all Pensions paid from the Colonial Revenue of Van Diemen's Land, on 31st December, 1847; showing the name of the pensioner, the service for which the pension is paid, the authority for its payment, and the amount.

No. 19 is a Statement of the number of Places of Public Worship in the Colony; also the number of Sittings therein, on 31st December, 1847.

No. 20 is an Account of the Population of Van Diemen's Land, according to the Census which was taken on the 31st December, 1847.

No. 21 is a Return of the Ages of 64,179 persons, as ascertained by the Census taken on 31st December, 1847. The ages of the Convicts in the gangs, and those of the Troops, with their wives and children, are not given in this Return.

No. 22 shows the distinction between the Married and Single Inhabitants of Van Diemen's Land, according to the Census of December, 1847, with the exception of the Convicts in gangs, and the Military.

No. 23 is a Return showing the Civil Condition of 64,179 persons as ascertained by the Census of December, 1847, with the exceptions mentioned above. There is a discrepancy between the Return of Convicts as ascertained by the Census and that furnished by the Comptroller-General; and it may be explained by stating that the Act of Council directing the Census to be taken forbids the persons appointed to take the Census to question any person as to his civil condition in life. It is most probable that numbers of Ticket-of-Leave holders have represented themselves to the Census-takers as Free Persons; as it has been ascertained that it is in this class alone that the discrepancy between the two Returns exists,—the Census Returns giving 5714 Ticket-of-Leave holders, while the Convict Returns give 9012.

No. 24 is a Return showing the Religion of 64,179 persons as ascertained by the Census of 1847; and also the Occupation of the same number of people. If to this number be added the Military and Convicts in the gangs, the number will amount to 70,164, the total Population of the Colony.

No. 25 is a Return of the number of Houses in Van Diemen's Land, according to the Census of 1847; showing the materials of which they are constructed, the number finished or building, and the number occupied or unoccupied on 31st December, 1847.

No. 26 is a Return showing the number of Children in each Police District under fourteen years of age; the number of Baptisms during the year; and the number of Burials of Children under five years of age.

No. 27 is a Return showing the Births and Deaths registered in each District, compiled from the certified copies in the General Register Office, Hobart Town. The number of Births registered in the several Registry Offices falls short of the number of Baptisms in the Churches to the extent of 510.

No. 28 is a Return of the number of Marriages registered in the General Register Office in 1847 ; showing the Rites according to which they were solemnized.

No. 29 is a Return showing the Ages at which 953 Persons died whose Deaths were registered in the several Churches in 1847.

No. 30 is a Return of the number of cases of Disease treated at Her Majesty's Colonial Hospitals in Van Diemen's Land ; also the number of Deaths in Hospital, during the year 1847.

No. 31 is a Return of Insane Persons treated in the Lunatic Asylum at New Norfolk during the year 1847.

No. 32 is a Return showing the number of Persons who have declared themselves, or who have been declared, Insolvent during the year 1847 ; with the amount of their Liabilities and Assets, as taken from the Schedules furnished by the several Insolvents.

No. 33 is a Return of Roads, Bridges, Culverts, &c. executed by the Colonial Government in Van Diemen's Land during the year 1847, the expense of which was defrayed from the Colonial Treasury.

No. 34 is a Return of the number of certain Manufactories and Trades in operation in Van Diemen's Land on the 31st December, 1847, as ascertained from Returns furnished by the several Police Magistrates.

No. 35 is a Return of the number of Children attending the different Schools supported or aided by contributions from the Colonial Treasury on the 31st December, 1847 ; and the Expenditure on account of Schools from the Colonial Treasury during the year.

No. 36 is a General Return of Churches, Schools, &c. in the Rural Deanery of Longford, during the year 1847.

No. 37 is a Return showing the average rate of Wages to certain classes of Mechanics throughout the Colony during the year 1847, as ascertained from Returns furnished by the several Police Magistrates.

No. 38 is a Return of Process issued out of the Courts of Requests in Van Diemen's Land during the year 1847.

No. 39 is a Return of the number of Criminals executed in the Colony during the year 1847 ; showing the Crime for which each Individual suffered.

No. 40 is a Statement of the number of Gaols, and the number of Prisoners confined therein, on 31st December, 1847.

No. 41 is a Return of the Process issued out of the Supreme Court of Van Diemen's Land; together with Actions commenced or tried; as likewise Judgments, Suits in Equity, &c., during the year 1847.

No. 42 is a Return showing the number of Convictions before the Supreme Court and Courts of Quarter Sessions during the year 1847, with the Crimes of which the several persons were convicted.

No. 43 is a Statement furnished by the Chief Police Magistrate, showing the number of Free Persons and Convicts who were brought before the Police during the year 1847, with the result of their examination by the several Police Magistrates.

No. 44 is a Summary of each description of Offence heard before the several Police and Assistant Police Magistrates throughout the Colony during the year 1847.

No. 45 is a Return showing the number of Convicts in Van Diemen's Land; the number of Persons reported to the Chief Police Magistrate as having been brought before the Police Magistrates of the Territory (not including Maria Island, Tasman's Peninsula, or Norfolk Island), distinguishing Free People and Convicts; also the number of Committals consequent thereon, during each month of the year 1847.

No. 46 is a Return of the number of Tickets-of-Leave and of Free and Conditional Pardons granted to Convicts during the year 1847.

No. 47 is a Return embracing comparative details of the Police and Magisterial Statistics of Van Diemen's Land and other places.

No. 48 is a Return of the Assets and Liabilities of the several Banks of Van Diemen's Land at the end of the year 1847, as extracted from the *Hobart Town Gazette*.

No. 49 is a Return of the amount of Deposits in the several Savings' Banks of the Colony at the end of the year 1847.

No. 50 is a Return showing the sum paid for Pauperism in Van Diemen's Land from the Colonial Treasury during the year 1847.

No. 51 is a Return showing the number of Orphan Children supported at the expense of the British Treasury and the Colonial Funds, during the year 1847, in the Queen's Orphan Schools at New Town.

No. 52 is a Return showing the Receipts from the Sale and Rental of Crown Lands during the year 1847, with the Expenditure chargeable thereon.

No. 53 is a Return showing the number of Persons who arrived in the Colony during the year 1847, also the number of Adults who have

emigrated during the same period ; distinguishing the places from which the Immigrants arrived, and to what places those went who emigrated during the year.

No. 54 is a Return furnished by the Officer in charge of the Royal Magnetic Observatory in the Domain, showing the state of the Thermometer and Barometer during the year 1847, and the quantity of Rain which fell ; as also general remarks upon the Weather during 1847.

ALSO,

A Map of Van Diemen's Land, divided into Police Districts, showing the Population, Houses, number of Children in each Police District under 14 years of age ; the number of Government Schools, with their attendance ; and the number of Schools aided by Government, with the Children attending them.

J. E. BICHENO, *Colonial Secretary.*

No. 1.

RETURN showing the NET REVENUE of Van Diemen's Land during the Year 1847.

Ordinary Revenue.

	£	s.	d.
Customs.....	83,370	15	1
Post Office.....	6,151	5	9
Licences.....	11,176	15	0
Fees of Public Offices.....	3,070	15	10
Rents of Government Property.....	993	8	0
Fines and Fees by Police Magistrates.....	2,251	15	4
Water Rates and Ferries.....	1,761	16	1

Total Ordinary £108,776 10 5

Extraordinary Revenue.

Incidental	3,026	15	3
Aid from Home Government in aid of Police and Gaols..	37,500	0	0
Proportion of Quit Rents not belonging to Land Fund ..	1,170	16	1

Total Extraordinary..... £41,697 11 4

TOTAL REVENUE £150,474 1 9

G. T. W. BOYES, *Auditor.*

No. 2.

RETURN showing the EXPENDITURE of Van Diemen's Land during the Year 1847.

	£	s.	d.
Lieutenant-Governor and Judges	5,229	11	1
Civil Establishment	26,486	1	7
Police ditto.....	32,535	9	5
Gaols ditto.....	3,193	2	1
Public Works ditto, and Public Buildings	9,779	11	11
Judicial ditto	13,871	19	5
Ecclesiastical ditto	12,859	10	10
Schools ditto	3,543	1	4
Military ditto	233	11	4
Pensions	564	4	11
Pauperism	6,740	16	7
Miscellaneous	9,906	15	5
Repayment of Loan to Bank of Australasia.....	6,000	0	0
Ditto and Interest to Commercial Bank	9,441	8	9
Arrears of Expenditure last year borrowed from Land Fund, and repaid	2,112	14	7

TOTAL EXPENDITURE..... £142,497 19 3

G. T. W. BOYES, *Auditor.*

No. 3.

An Account of the NUMBER and TONNAGE of VESSELS (*British and Foreign*) that entered Inwards, and cleared Outwards, at the several Ports of Van Diemen's Land, in the Year 1847.

INWARDS.

	<i>Ships.</i>	<i>Tonnage.</i>
GREAT BRITAIN	41	16,299
BRITISH COLONIES	504	53,665
UNITED STATES	3	891
FOREIGN STATES	71	16,085
<i>Total</i>	619	86,940

OUTWARDS.

	<i>Ships.</i>	<i>Tonnage.</i>
GREAT BRITAIN	27	11,150
BRITISH COLONIES	515	58,457
UNITED STATES .....	..	..
FOREIGN STATES	69	16,254
<i>Total</i>	611	85,861

W. PROCTER, *Acting Collector.*

No. 4.

VALUE of IMPORTS into, and EXPORTS from, Van Diemen's Land, during the Year 1847.

	IMPORTS.	EXPORTS.
	£	£
GREAT BRITAIN	517,786	338,609
BRITISH COLONIES	162,376	257,125
UNITED STATES	5,840	..
FOREIGN STATES	38,591	5,142
<i>Total</i>	724,593	600,876

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No. 5.

RETURN of IMPORTS and EXPORTS to and from Van Diemen's Land, during the Year 1847.

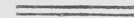
ARTICLES IMPORTED.	From Great Britain.	British Colonies.	Foreign States.	TOTAL.	ARTICLES EXPORTED.	To Great Britain.	British Colonies.	Foreign States.	TOTAL.
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Apparel and Slops.....	44,858	3530	..	48,388	Apothecary.....	..	279	..	279
Apothecary.....	2962	117	..	3079	Apparel and Slops....	5	6623	..	6628
Arms and Ammunition	1558	84	20	1662	Arms and Ammunition	..	73	..	73
Beef and Pork.....	2133	6413	72	8618	Bags and Canvas.....	4	2086	..	2090
Boots and Shoes.....	8072	68	54	8194	Bark.....	935	278	..	1213
Brandy.....	14,797	3949	..	18,746	Barley.....	..	4270	..	4270
Butter and Cheese....	1294	2640	167	4101	Brandy.....	..	8019	..	8019
Candles and Tallow ...	635	491	130	1256	Beef and Pork.....	..	717	268	985
Canvas and Bagging ..	17,582	6360	10	23,952	Books and Stationery	10	697	..	707
Carriages and Carts ...	450	75	..	525	Boots and Shoes.....	60	1681	..	1741
Casks.....	620	..	..	620	Butter and Cheese....	..	1066	17	1083
Cattle.....	..	15,929	..	15,929	Bran.....	..	484	126	610
Cedar.....	..	1676	..	1676	Carriages and Carts...	..	1883	..	1883
Coals.....	174	826	..	1000	Coffee.....	..	204	..	204
Coffee.....	389	2260	1237	3886	Cottons and Linens...	..	12,709	35	12,744
Copper and Lead.....	8305	210	..	8515	Curiosities.....	184	..	..	184
Cottons and Linens ...	34,928	715	36	35,679	Earthenware and Glass	..	1070	10	1080
Currants and Raisins..	1804	593	..	2397	Flour.....	1211	38,124	1260	40,595
Deals, Oars, and Staves	600	20	..	620	Furniture.....	..	2865	..	2865
Flour and Grain.....	59	2546	..	2605	Fruit and Preserves ..	..	5576	81	5657
Geneva.....	4765	483	..	5248	Geneva.....	..	800	..	800
Glass and Earthenware	19,405	790	10	20,205	Haberdashery.....	15	4780	..	4795
Haberdashery.....	33,197	403	547	34,147	Hay.....	..	465	..	465
Hats and Caps.....	7004	532	127	7663	Hides, Skins, & Leather	2766	5584	195	8545
Hardware.....	39,846	965	219	41,030	Hops.....	..	1497	15	1512
Hides, Skins, & Leather	150	2365	..	2515	Horses.....	..	7511	..	7511
Hops.....	5799	614	732	7145	Ironmongery.....	220	9404	67	9691
Horses.....	1000	..	..	1000	Iron and Lead.....	183	584	..	767
Iron.....	6092	789	..	6881	Malt.....	..	516	..	516
Jewellery and Plate...	6755	..	..	6755	Malt Liquor.....	..	3478	12	3490
Liqueurs.....	29	..	..	29	Oats.....	..	5592	56	5648
Malt Liquor.....	21,668	1191	..	22,859	Oil, Black.....	21,150	478	..	21,628
Millinery.....	9966	..	..	9966	Ditto, Sperm.....	41,467	70	..	41,537
Musical Instruments...	2016	3	..	2019	Oilman's Stores.....	..	5149	10	5159
Oilman's Stores.....	22,169	4938	526	27,633	Potatoes.....	16	3891	148	4055
Oil, Black.....	..	885	382	1267	Rope and Twine.....	..	441	..	441
Ditto, Sperm.....	..	..	5950	5950	Rum.....	..	7083	..	7083
Paint, Oil, Tar, & Turps	3802	40	158	4000	Salt.....	..	259	..	259
Perfumery.....	1559	..	..	1559	Sheep.....	..	1808	..	1808
Rope.....	8958	1778	822	11,558	Soap.....	..	356	..	356
Rice.....	26	524	151	701	Staves.....	..	146	..	146
Rum.....	15,553	7904	100	23,557	Sugar.....	..	4343	..	4343
Saddlery.....	3841	62	..	3903	Tea.....	..	1603	5	1608
Salt.....	1900	176	..	2076	Tallow and Candles ..	3042	478	31	3551
Sheep.....	40	11,713	..	11,753	Timber.....	226	15,170	18	15,414
Silks.....	10,661	333	..	10,994	Tobacco.....	..	7460	..	7460
Soap.....	2021	3134	..	5155	Whalebone.....	4135	..	..	4135
Stationery and Books..	13,752	2453	..	16,205	Wheat.....	14,824	68,419	2440	85,683
Sugar.....	10,190	27,981	13,444	51,615	Wine.....	..	1760	..	1760
Tea.....	272	11,604	12,083	23,959	Wool.....	247,240	..	..	247,240
Timber.....	268	2328	..	2596	Woollens.....	..	1439	18	1457
Tobacco.....	4935	7004	5556	17,495	Unenumerated.....	916	7857	330	9103
Whalebone.....	..	100	940	1040					
Whisky.....	86	190	..	276					
Wine.....	12,449	4072	60	16,581					
Woollens.....	102,400	5775	..	108,175					
Wool.....	..	4794	..	4794					
Unenumerated.....	3992	7951	898	12,841					
Total Imports, 1847.	517,786	162,376	44,431	724,593	Total Exports, 1847.	338,609	257,125	5142	600,876

No. 6.

RETURN of the NUMBER and TONNAGE of VESSELS belonging to the Ports of Van Diemen's Land, during the Year 1847.

YEAR.	HOBART.		LAUNCESTON.		TOTAL.	
	VESSELS.	TONNAGE.	VESSELS.	TONNAGE.	VESSELS.	TONNAGE.
In 1847.....	140	11,521	44	3373	184	14,894

W. PROCTER, *Acting Collector.*

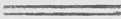


No. 7.

RETURN of the SHIPPING and FISHERIES (with their VALUE), and of the Number of VESSELS built in Van Diemen's Land, during the Year 1847.

	VESSELS BUILT.	TONNAGE.	SHIPS EMPLOYED.	TONNAGE.	VALUE OF FISHERIES.
In 1847.....	12	1631	27	4729	£70,000

W. PROCTER, *Acting Collector.*



No. 8.

RETURN of the Number of VESSELS employed in the COASTING TRADE between Hobart Town and Launceston, during the Year 1847.

	INWARDS.		OUTWARDS.	
	VESSELS.	TONNAGE.	VESSELS.	TONNAGE.
In 1847.....	18	2276	23	3120

W. PROCTER, *Acting Collector.*

No. 9.

RETURN relative to LAND in Van Diemen's Land, 31st December, 1847.

POLICE DISTRICTS.	No. of Acres of Land in the District.	No. of Acres of Land un- cultivated.	No. of Acres of Land cultivated in each District.	Total No. of Acres granted to Settlers in each Dis- trict.	No. of Acres granted to Settlers in 1847.	No. of Acres leased to Settlers un- der Depas- turing Li- cences, 1847
Bothwell	299,520	247,663	3,868	251,531	NONE.	1,210,000 Acres.
Brighton	133,760	62,078	13,178	75,256		
Campbell Town	492,800	393,245	8,762	402,007		
Fingal	1,807,360	135,989	3,020	139,009		
George Town	792,320	106,142	574	106,716		
Great Swanport	677,120	76,570	4,699	81,269		
Hamilton	415,360	293,925	4,690	298,615		
Hobart Town	828,160	47,115	6,310	53,425		
Horton	2,574,000	346,868	3,132	350,000		
Launceston	437,760	80,497	8,410	88,907		
Longford	590,720	172,604	19,349	191,953		
Morven	260,480	213,022	12,836	225,858		
New Norfolk	125,440	51,892	5,240	57,132		
Oatlands	448,000	293,094	5,462	298,556		
Port Sorell	561,920	11,232	2,045	13,277		
Richmond	153,600	112,085	16,804	128,889		
Sorell and Prosser's Plains	440,320	98,442	9,355	107,797		
South Port	1,164,800	2,139	391	2,530		
Westbury	571,520	153,666	18,047	171,713		
Not yet marked off into Police Districts	1,707,932					
TOTAL	14,482,892	2,573,268	146,004	2,719,272		1,210,000

CORRIGENDUM.

In page 5, Table No. 9, in the Surveyor-General's return relating to Land, for "1,210,000 Acres leased" read "1,062,989 Acres, let for £14,279 per annum."

per Acre.

YEAR.	COUNTRY ALLOTMENTS.									TOWN AND SUBURBAN ALLOTMENTS.									
	No.	Quantity.			Amount of Sale.			Average per Acre.		No.	Quantity.			Amount of Sale.			Average per Acre.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	s.	d.		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In 1847..	20	1636	2	20	1366	14	9	16	8	81	261	2	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	1440	6	9	5	10	4

R. POWER, Surveyor-General.

No. 9.

RETURN relative to LAND in Van Diemen's Land, 31st December, 1847.

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Fingal	1,807,360	135,989	3,020	139,009		
George Town	792,320	106,142	574	106,716		
Great Swanport	677,120	76,570	4,699	81,269		
Hamilton	415,360	293,925	4,690	298,615		
Hobart Town	828,160	47,115	6,310	53,425		
Horton	2,574,000	346,868	3,132	350,000		
Launceston	437,760	80,497	8,410	88,907		
Longford	590,720	172,604	19,349	191,953		
Morven	260,480	213,022	12,836	225,858		
New Norfolk	125,440	51,892	5,240	57,132		
Oatlands	448,000	293,094	5,462	298,556		
Port Sorell	561,920	11,232	2,045	13,277		
Richmond	153,600	112,085	16,804	128,889		
Sorell and Prosser's Plains	440,320	98,442	9,355	107,797		
South Port	1,164,800	2,139	391	2,530		
Westbury	571,520	153,666	18,047	171,713		
Not yet marked off into Police Districts	1,707,932					
TOTAL	14,482,892	2,573,268	146,004	2,719,272		1,210,000

R. POWER, Surveyor-General.

No. 10.

RETURN of the Number of Lots of CROWN LAND, and of TOWN and SUBURBAN ALLOTMENTS, sold during the Year 1847 ; also the Quantity sold, Amount of Sale, and Average Price per Acre.

YEAR.	COUNTRY ALLOTMENTS.								TOWN AND SUBURBAN ALLOTMENTS.										
	No.	Quantity.			Amount of Sale.			Average per Acre.	No.	Quantity.			Amount of Sale.			Average per Acre.			
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	s.		d.	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In 1847..	20	1636	2	20	1366	14	9	16	8	81	261	2	5 ³ / ₄	1440	6	9	5	10	4

R. POWER, Surveyor-General.

No. 11.

RETURN of the *Number of ACRES in Crop, and Nature of each Crop, during the Year 1847.*

	ACRES.
Wheat	63,867
Barley	11,754
Oats	18,755
Peas	705
Beans	126
Potatoes	3,896
Turnips	7,681
English Grasses	38,890
Tares	330
Total.....	146,004

F. BURGESS, *Chief Police Magistrate.*

No. 12.

RETURN showing the *Average Prices of PRODUCE at Hobart Town during the Year 1847.*

YEAR.	WHEAT.	BARLEY.	OATS.	PEAS.	BEANS.	POTATOES.	TURNIPS.	HAY.	TARES.
	<i>Per Bushel.</i>	<i>Per Bushel.</i>	<i>Per Bushel.</i>	<i>Per Bushel.</i>	<i>Per Bushel.</i>	<i>Per Ton.</i>	<i>Per Ton.</i>	<i>Per Ton.</i>	<i>Per Bushel.</i>
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
In 1847 ..	4 10½	5 6¼	3 8¼	3 10	8 0	5 16 10	2 6 10	3 12 6	12 0

F. BURGESS, *Chief Police Magistrate.*

No. 13.

RETURN of the *Number of HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, and GOATS in Van Diemen's Land, on 31st December, 1847.*

Horses	16,212
Horned Cattle	82,194
Sheep	1,833,866
Goats	2,964

F. BURGESS, *Chief Police Magistrate.*

No. 14.

RETURN of PRICES paid for FRESH MEAT, WHEAT, FLOUR, and VEGETABLES by the Commis-
sariat at Hobart Town and Launceston, during the Year 1847.

FRESH MEAT.

	d.	d.		d.
At Hobart Town.....	from	1 $\frac{1}{6}$	to	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ₤ lb.
At Launceston ..	from	1 $\frac{8}{16}$	to	6 ditto.
Average about	2 $\frac{1}{16}$ d.			₤ lb.
Average....	2 $\frac{6}{16}$			₤ lb.
Average....	2 $\frac{1}{16}$			ditto.

WHEAT.

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.
At Hobart Town.....	from	6	8	to	10	3	₤ 100 lbs. = 5
At Launceston	from	7	5	to	7	7	ditto. = 4
Average about	5s.						₤ bushel.
							10 ditto.

FLOUR.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
At Hobart Town.....	from	9	10	0	to	14	0	0	₤ ton = 10
At Launceston.....	from	7	0	0	to	18	0	0	ditto = 10
Average about	£10	8s.	4d.						₤ ton.
									6 3 ditto.

VEGETABLES.

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.
At Hobart Town.....	from	2	1	to	10	5	₤ 100 lbs. = 4
At Launceston	from	2	6	to	8	4	ditto. = 5
Average about	4s.	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.					₤ 100 lbs.
							2 3 ditto.

GEO. MACLEAN, D. C. G.

No. 15.

RETURN of the Number of LICENCES for the Sale of WINE, BEER, and SPIRITS granted
in Van Diemen's Land, during the Year 1847.

YEAR.	PUBLICANS' LICENCES.		WHOLESALE LICENCES.	
	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.
In 1847.....	364	£9100	42	£420

A. TURNBULL, Collector of Internal Revenue.

No. 16.

RETURN of the Number of POST OFFICES, and PERSONS employed; Extent of POST ROADS; Number of LETTERS and NEWSPAPERS forwarded from, and of LETTERS received at, Hobart Town; together with the INCOME and EXPENDITURE, during the Year 1847.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF POST OFFICES.	PERSONS EMPLOYED.	EXTENT OF POST ROADS.	LETTERS FROM HOBART TOWN.	NEWSPAPERS FROM HOBART TOWN.	LETTERS RECEIVED.	GROSS INCOME.			GROSS EXPENDITURE.		
			Miles.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In 1847.	48	79	624	188,795	207,439	171,275	6879	2	7	7197	8	7

F. C. SMITH, *Postmaster-General.*

No. 17.

RETURN of the Number of LETTERS passing through the TWO-PENNY POSTS, at Hobart Town and Launceston, during the Year 1847.

YEAR.	FRANKS.			OTHER LETTERS.		
	HOBART TOWN.	LAUNCESTON.	TOTAL.	HOBART TOWN.	LAUNCESTON.	TOTAL.
In 1847.....	6574	517	7091	8639	4489	13,128

F. C. SMITH, *Postmaster-General.*

No. 18.

RETURN of all PENSIONS paid from the Colonial Revenue of Van Diemen's Land on 31st December, 1847.

NAME.	FOR WHAT SERVICE.	AUTHORITY.	AMOUNT.		
			£	s.	d.
William Sorell.....	Late Lieutenant-Governor.....	The Crown ..	500	0	0
John Beamont	Late Sheriff.....	Ditto.....	160	0	0
James Belbin	Retired Inspector of Stock.....	Ditto.....	75	0	0
William Gunn	Loss of right arm by Bushrangers.	Ditto	70	0	0
John James Fenton..	Loss of an eye by Bushrangers...	Ditto.....	50	0	0
Ellen Ward.....	{ Widow of a District Constable } { murdered by Bushrangers.. }	Ditto.....	30	0	0
Oliver Smith.....	Retired Overseer.....	Ditto.....	25	0	0
John Baker.....	Retired District Constable.....	Ditto.....	25	0	0
William Fletcher ...	Long service as a Constable	Ditto.....	10	0	0
		TOTAL....	£945	0	0

No. 19.

STATEMENT of the PLACES of PUBLIC WORSHIP in Van Diemen's Land; also the Number of SITTINGS; on 31st December, 1847.

	CHURCH OF ENGLAND.		CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.		CHURCH OF ROME.		WESLEYAN METHODISTS.		INDEPENDENTS.		BAPTISTS.		JEWS.		TOTAL.	
	Churches.	Sittings.	Churches.	Sittings.	Churches.	Sittings.	Churches.	Sittings.	Churches.	Sittings.	Churches.	Sittings.	Churches.	Sittings.	Churches.	Sittings.
In 1847.	53	13,201	13	2555	4	630	21	4500	14	3280	4	550	2	295	111	25,011

No. 20.

ACCOUNT fo the POPULATION of Van Diemen's Land, according to the CENSUS taken on 31st December, 1847.

CLASS OF PERSONS.		MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.	Increase since last Census, 1842.	Decrease since last Census, 1842.
FREE	Born in the Colony	9,138	9,217	18,355	5,631	..
	Free Emigrants	7,391	6,427	13,818	..	674
	Prisoners who have become Free	8,832	2,687	11,519	1,647	..
CONVICTS	Holding Tickets-of-Leave	4,749	965	5,714	2,246	..
	In Government Employment . . .	8,660	1,098	9,758	..	2158
	In Private Assignment	7,278	1,438	8,716	3,768	..
MILITARY		1,765	481	2,246	815	..
ABORIGINES		15	23	38	..	13
TOTAL		47,828	22,336	70,164	14,107	2845
					2,845	
Total Increase . . . . .		..	..	..	11, 262	

No. 21.

RETURN of the AGES of 64,179 Persons, as ascertained by the CENSUS taken on 31st December, 1847.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Under Two years of Age	1,790	1,788	3,578
Two and under Seven	3,389	3,443	6,832
Seven and under Fourteen	3,134	3,001	6,135
Fourteen and under Twenty-one	2,804	2,272	5,076
Twenty-one and under Forty-five	26,205	9,493	35,698
Forty-five and under Sixty	4,078	1,532	5,610
Sixty and upwards	924	326	1,250
TOTAL	42,324	21,855	64,179

No. 22.

RETURN showing the *Distinction between the MARRIED and the SINGLE Inhabitants of the Colony, on 31st December, 1847.*

	MARRIED.	SINGLE.	TOTAL.
Males	9,059	33,265	42,324
Females	8,544	13,311	21,855
<i>Total</i>	17,603	46,576	64,179

No. 23.

RETURN showing the CIVIL CONDITION of 64,179 Persons, as ascertained by the CENSUS taken on the 31st December, 1847.

	FREE.				BOND.			
	<i>Born in the Colony.</i>	<i>Arrived Free.</i>	<i>Other Free Persons.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Holding Tickets-of-Leave.</i>	<i>In Government Employment.</i>	<i>In Private Assignment.</i>	TOTAL.
Males.....	9,153	7,391	8,832	25,376	4,749	4,921	7,278	16,948
Females...	9,240	6,427	2,687	18,354	965	1,098	1,438	3,501
<i>Total</i> ..	18,393	13,818	11,519	43,730*	5,714	6,019†	8,716	20,449

* This does not include the Military.
† This does not include the Convicts employed at Punishment Stations.

No. 24.

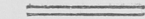
RETURN showing the RELIGION and OCCUPATION of 64,179 Persons, as ascertained by the CENSUS taken on 31st December, 1847.

RELIGION.		OCCUPATION.	
Church of England	44,490	Landed Proprietors, Bankers, Merchants, and Professional Men ..	1,502
Church of Scotland.....	4,552	Shopkeepers and other Retail Dealers	1,172
Wesleyans.....	2,566	Mechanics and Artificers.....	5,584
Other Protestant Dissenters.....	2,186	Shepherds and others in charge of Sheep	1,098
<i>Total Protestants</i>	53,794	Gardeners, Stockmen, and Farm Labourers.....	11,693
Church of Rome.....	9,904	Domestic Servants.....	4,839
<i>Total Christians</i>	63,698	All other Persons.....	38,291
Jews.....	452		
Mahomedans and Pagans	29		
<i>TOTAL</i>	64,179	<i>TOTAL</i>	64,179

No. 25.

NUMBER of HOUSES in Van Diemen's Land, according to the CENSUS taken on the 31st December, 1847.

STONE AND BRICK.	WOOD.	TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSES.	BUILT.	BUILDING.	INHABITED.	UNINHABITED.	BUILDING, BUT INHABITED.
4963	5224	10,187	9614	573	9519	668	255



No. 26.

RETURN relative to CHILDREN in Van Diemen's Land, 1847, extracted from the Census Papers.

POLICE DISTRICT.	Number of Children in the District on the 31st December, 1847, under 14 Years of Age.		Number of Births registered in Churches during 1847.		Number of Deaths in 1847 of Children under One Year old.		Number of Deaths in 1847 of Children from One to Five Years old.	
	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.
Bothwell	110	111	15	7	2	2	..	..
Brighton	294	328	22	20	..	..	2	2
Campbell Town	244	242	28	30	1	2	..	..
Fingal	114	92	3	3	..	..	..	..
George Town	74	78	1	6	..	2	..	..
Great Swanport	98	88	13	12	..	1	..	1
Hamilton	142	134	9	9	1	..	1	..
Hobart Town	3218	3218	464	433	58	43	38	32
Horton	111	114	7	12	..	..	..	..
Launceston	1467	1565	242	247	22	16	39	20
Longford	455	458	50	53	9	6	3	1
Morven	328	302	31	22	6	1	..	..
New Norfolk	283	240	33	27	1	2	..	..
Oatlands	150	141	21	13	3	..	..	1
Port Sorell	73	68	1	2	1	..	..	..
Richmond	759	663	82	68	1	1	..	4
Sorell & Prosser's Plains	105	108	15	14	3	1	1	1
South Port	79	82	..	..	3	1	..	..
Vestbury	207	229	15	11	1	1	2	2
TOTAL	8311	8261	1052	989	112	79	86	64

No. 27.

RETURN showing the Number of BIRTHS and DEATHS registered in each District, compiled from the Certified Copies in the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, Hobart Town.

DISTRICTS UNDER THE REGISTRATION ACT.	BIRTHS.		DEATHS.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Hobart Town.....	386	306	278	207
Launceston.....	192	182	173	86
Longford	75	49	30	13
Brighton	22	15	8	6
Bothwell	15	16	8	6
Campbell Town.....	17	23	7	5
Oatlands.....	9	11	2	4
Richmond	29	25	15	10
Port Arthur	20	11	5	4
Hamilton	6	19	7	4
Horton	9	11	..	..
Port Sorell.....	8	4	..	2
Great Swanport.....	2	3	..	3
Spring Bay	13	11	5	1
Avoca.....	10	9	3	3
Clarence Plains	13	10	2	7
TOTAL.....	826	705	543	361

NOTE.—The Return of Deaths only includes Free Persons; the Returns of Burials as published in the Gazette frequently including Prisoners of the Crown: but it also includes many deaths not found in the Burial Returns, deaths at sea from drowning, or those of children not baptized. The Registry of Births from New Norfolk District, which is very imperfect, is included in Hobart Town District.

JOHN ABBOTT, Registrar.

No. 28.

RETURN showing the Number of MARRIAGES registered in the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE in 1847; also showing according to what Rites they were solemnized.

DISTRICTS UNDER THE REGISTRA- TION ACT.	CHURCH OF ENGLAND.	SCOTLAND.	ROME.	WESLEYANS.	INDEPENDENTS.	BAPTISTS.	JEWS.	QUAKERS.	DEPUTY REGISTRARS' OFFICES.
Hobart Town ..	314	36	46	33	14	3	5	Nil.	Nil.
Launceston.....	103	31	30	6	13	27	..		
Longford	34	..	..	4	..	..	..
Brighton	18	..	..	..	4	..	1
Bothwell.....	8	4	..	..	..	..	..
Campbell Town..	22	4	..	1	..	..	..
Oatlands	17	..	..	..	..	..	..
Richmond	22	..	6	..	..	..	..
Port Arthur....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Hamilton	10	..	..	..	..	..	..
Horton	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port Sorell.....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Great Swanport..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Spring Bay	10	..	..	..	..	..	..
Avoca	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clarence Plains .	11	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL..	592	75	83	45	31	30	6		

NOTE.—This Return includes marriages of Prisoners of the Crown. Marriages in New Norfolk are included in the Hobart Town District.

JOHN ABBOTT, Registrar.

No. 29.

RETURN showing the AGES at which 953 Persons died, whose Deaths were registered in the several Churches in 1847.

YEAR.	Population of the Colony on 31st December, 1847.		AGES AT WHICH PERSONS DIED DURING THE YEAR.			
	MALES.	FEMALES.		MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
1847.	47,828	22,366	Under 1 Year..	121	85	206
			1 } 5	81	59	140
			5 } 10	8	10	18
			10 } 20	15	15	30
			20 } 30	74	48	122
			30 } 40	77	33	110
			40 } 50	71	35	106
			50 } 60	44	15	59
			60 } 70	44	13	57
			70 } 80	16	7	23
			80 } 90	16	4	20
			90 } 95	1	..	1
			96.....	..	1	1
			Age not stated..	42	18	60
			TOTAL	610	343	953

Extracted from the several Church Registers.

No. 30.

RETURN of the Number of DISEASES treated at Her Majesty's Colonial Hospitals in Van Diemen's Land; also the Number of DEATHS; during the Year 1847.

DISEASES.	CASES TREATED.	DEATHS.
Fevers	259	6
Diseases of the Lungs.....	545	58
Ditto of the Liver	20	4
Ditto of the Stomach and Bowels.....	247	27
Ditto of the Brain	260	50
Dropsies... ..	23	4
Rheumatic Affections	315	1
Venereal Affections... ..	234	1
Abscesses and Ulcers.....	405	6
Wounds and Injuries.....	410	6
Diseases of the Eyes.....	618	..
Ditto of the Skin.....	34	1
Oher Diseases.....	473	53
TOTAL.....	3843	217

No. 31.

RETURN of INSANE PERSONS treated in the Lunatic Asylum at New Norfolk during the Year 1847.

	Remaining 31st Decem- ber, 1846.		Admitted during 1847.		TOTAL NUMBER TREATED.	DISCHARGED								DIED.		Remaining 31st Decem- ber, 1847.	
						CURED.		IMPROVED.		WITHOUT IMPROVEMENT.		TOTAL.					
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.						
Free*.....	31	21	14	7	73	..	2	1	..	..	1	4	10	2	34	23
Convicts....	67	40	27	5	139	7	8	2	..	..	..	17	6	1	79	36

* In this class are included all Free Persons, as well as Convicts who have become free by servitude or by pardon.

JOHN M'CAY M'DONALD, *Principal Medical Officer.*

No. 32.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons who have declared themselves, or who have been declared, INSOLVENT during the Year 1847.

YEAR.	No. of Persons who declared themselves Insolvent.	Amount of Sche- duled Liabilities.			Amount of Sche- duled Assets.			No. of Persons who were declared In- solvent by Cre- ditors.	Amount of Sche- duled Liabilities.			Amount of Sche- duled Assets.			No. of In- solvencies superse- ded.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1847.	68	34,641	1	3	18,452	8	2	6	5556	1	0	2588	5	11	None.

Certified by the Commissioners for Insolvent Estates at Hobart Town and Launceston.

No. 33.

RETURN of ROADS, BRIDGES, CULVERTS, &c. executed by the Government in Van Diemen's Land, during the Year 1847.

YEAR.	Miles added on M'Adam's Plan.		Miles added on Telford's Plan.	Log Bridges.	Masonry and Brick Bridges.	Culverts generally.	Cubic Yards of Excavation.	Cubic Yards of Embankment.
1847.	Miles.	Yards.						
	5	1700	None.	1	1	11	11,215	15,153

WM. P. KAY, *Director of Public Works.*

No. 34.

RETURN of MANUFACTORIES and TRADES in operation in Van Diemen's Land on the 31st December, 1847 ; as ascertained from Returns furnished by the several Police Magistrates.

	Agricultural Implement Makers.	Breweries.	Candle Manufactories.	Cooperages.	Coach Manufactories.	Dyers.	Engineers.	Fellmongers.	Foundries.	Furriers.	Mast and Block Makers.	Mills.	Potteries.	Printing Offices.	Rope Manufactories.	Sail Makers.	Saw Mills.	Shipwrights.	Tanners.	Wool-staplers.
In 1847	76	46	15	18	7	4	10	29	7	6	2	80	3	10	6	4	3	16	44	3

F. BURGESS, Chief Police Magistrate.

No. 35.

RETURN of the Number of CHILDREN under Fourteen Years of Age in the several Districts of the Colony on 31st December, 1847, and Number attending the different Government Schools on the same date.

DISTRICT.	No. of Children under Fourteen Years of Age.		Number attending the Government Schools.		Number attending Schools aided by Government.		Total Number at- tending Schools.		Total Govern- ment Expen- diture, 1847.
	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	
Bothwell	110	111	27	27	13	19	40	46	£3543 1 4
Brighton	294	328	33	38	..	..	33	38
Campbell Town	244	242	41	23	17	12	58	35	
Fingal.....	114	92	..	..	..	..	..	..
George Town	74	78	..	..	..	..	..	..
Great Swanport	98	88	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hamilton	142	134	..	..	10	8	10	8
Hobart Town	3218	3218	315	292	216	277	531	569	
Horton	111	114	..	..	..	..	..	..
Launceston	1467	1565	55	30	212	155	267	185	
Longford	455	458	81	61	67	48	148	109	
Morven.....	328	302	31	28	..	..	31	28
New Norfolk	283	240	53	44	8	20	61	64	
Oatlands	150	141	33	26	..	..	33	26
Port Sorell.....	73	68	..	..	..	..	..	..
Richmond.....	759	663	70	48	19	6	89	54	
Sorell & Prosser's Plains...	105	108	22	24	..	..	22	24
South Port	79	82	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westbury	207	229	..	..	24	24	24	24
	8311	8261	761	641	586	569	1347	1210	
	16,572		1402		1155		2557		
Add Infant Schools.....	..		..		..		224	
					TOTAL....		2781		

C. BRADBURY, Inspector of Schools.

GENERAL RETURN of CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, &c. in the Rural Deanery of Longford, during the Year 1847.

Name of Clergyman.	Number of Services.	Name of Place.	Congregation.	Number of Communicants.	Amount of Pew Rents.	Amount of Offertory and Sacramental Collections.	Attendance at Day Schools.	Sunday Schools.	Clergyman how supported.	Gifts for Church Purposes.	GENERAL REMARKS.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£	
Rev. Dr. Browne.....	2	Launceston	350	64	248 6 5	162 10 3	176	95	Colonial Government.	..	
Rev. T. Reibey	2	Launceston	400	70	117 0 0	134 13 8	93	114	Ditto.	..	
Rev. R. R. Davies.....	2	Longford	250	50	80 19 5	100 1 9	..	45	Ditto.	..	Day School under Board of Education.
	1	Cressy	70	8	15 0 0	..	..	20	..	..	Ditto.
Rev. J. Bishton	2	Westbury	150	30	63 18 4	..	30	23	Ditto.	90	£40 for Seraphine, and £50 to pay off debt.
Rev. M. Williams.....	1	Deloraine	50	10	..	..	17	..	Home Government.	..	
	1	Chudleigh.....	50	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1	Cheshunt	20		..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1	Gibson's.....	25		..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2	Port Sorell	50		..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. J. Reibey	1	Carrick.....	80	12	5 0 0	6 0 0	20	..	Private Endowment.	1000	£60 per annum promised by inhabitants to pay Church endowed in Land. [a Clergyman.
Rev. S. B. Windsor.....	1	Lake River	12	6	..	3 11 0	..	..	..	26	Fitting up of Chapel.
	1	Isis.....	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Discontinued.
	1	M'Rea Hills	12		..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. A. Stackhouse	2	Perth	150	30	41 2 11	68 5 0	..	30	Colonial Government.	..	Day School under Board of Education.
	2	Franklin Village	100	15	..	..	16	30	..	..	Morning Service performed by Mr. Hawkes, Only once a month. [Catechist.
	1	Springs	60	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	..
Rev. J. Fereday	2	George Town.....	80	14	6 0 0	..	..	..	Ditto.	..	..
	1	Kelso	35	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	Service performed in a private house.
Rev. T. Rogers	1	Windermere.....	60	14	..	..	..	..	Ditto.	..	..
Rev. H. P. Kane	1	Allanvale	30	..	..	..	..	..	Private Endowment.	..	Discontinued.
	1	Patterson's Plains....	70	24	14 0 0	3 9 0	27	24	..	300	Erection of a Church.
Mr. M. Miller.....	1	Hadspen	60	10	..	..	31	20	Ditto.	..	..
	1	Illawarra	25	8	..	..	15	..	..	1000	Church Endowment in Land.
Rev. J. P. Gell	1	Bishopsbourne.....	70	14	10 0 0	29 6 10	25	20	Ditto.	..	..
Rev. G. Wilkinson	1	Evandale	60	9	26 0 0	6 19 9	..	16	Colonial Government.	..	Day School under Board of Education.
	1	White Hills.....	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. W. Richardson	2	Avoca	65	18	23 0 0	..	..	..	Ditto.	..	..
	1	Lewis Hill.....	25	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	39		2425	428	690 7 1	534 17 3	467	437		2416	In addition to this sum, £534 has been paid to the Day Schools under the "Penny System" during 1847.

During the year 1847 thirty-nine Services have been performed at twenty-eight different Stations in the Rural Deanery of Longford.
N.B. The above Return does not include the various Settlements at Circular Head, where the Rev. T. N. Grigg officiates.
Of fourteen Clergymen and one Catechist officiating in the Rural Deanery of Longford, nine are paid from the Colonial Treasury, one is paid by the Home Government, and the remaining five are supported by voluntary subscriptions and private endowment.
No less than £4175 4s. 4d. has been subscribed in the Rural Deanery, during the year 1847, for the support of the Church, the Schools, and the Poor.
Of the 2425 who attend the various Churches not more than 100 are Prisoners of the Crown.

R. R. DAVIES, Rural Dean.

STATISTICAL RETURNS.

No. 37.

RETURN showing the Average RATE of WAGES to the following Classes of MECHANICS throughout the Colony during the Year 1847; as ascertained from Returns furnished by the several Police Magistrates.

	s.	d.	
Bricklayers.....	4	11	} per diem, without Board and Lodging.
Joiners.....	4	11	
Carpenters.....	4	10	
Masons.....	4	10	
Plasterers.....	4	7	
Painters.....	4	8	
Plumbers.....	4	8	
Quarrymen.....	3	0	

F. BURGESS, Chief Police Magistrate.

No. 38.

RETURN of PROCESS issued out of the COURTS OF REQUESTS in Van Diemen's Land during the Year 1847.

DISTRICT.	SUMMONSES.	FIERI FACIAS.	CAPIAS SATIS-FACIENDUM.	ACTIONS BROUGHT.	ACTIONS TRIED.
Hobart Town	878	318	5	878	567
Launceston	355	92	1	355	214
Richmond	95	23	1	95	60
New Norfolk	51	8	..	51	41
Oatlands.....	7	..	..	7	6
Campbell Town.....	30	3	..	30	19
Longford	82	9	..	82	42
TOTAL.....	1498	453	7	1498	949

Certified by the several Registrars.

No. 39.

RETURN of the Number of EXECUTIONS in the Colony of Van Diemen's Land, and the CRIME for which each Individual suffered, in 1847.

CRIME.	EXECUTED IN VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.	EXECUTED ON NOR- FOLK ISLAND.
	1847.	1847.
Feloniously cutting and wounding with intent, &c...	4	..
Murder	1	..
Robbery from the Person with violence	1	..
TOTAL.....	6	..

JOHN BURNETT, Sheriff.

No. 40.

STATEMENT of the Number of GAOLS, and of the Number of PRISONERS confined therein, in Van Diemen's Land, on 31st December, 1847.

YEAR.	Number of Prisons.	Number of Prisoners the Prisons are capable of containing when more than one Prisoner sleeps in a Cell.	Number of Prisoners the Prisons are capable of containing in separate Cells.	Number of Prisoners confined for Misdemeanors.		Number of Felons.		Total Number tried.		Total Number untried.		Punishment for Offences within the Prison during the Year.	Cases of Sickness and Death during the Year.		
				Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		Cases of Sickness in the Year.	Greatest Number of Sick at one Time.	Number of Deaths.
1847..	8	685	150	73	8	89	7	81	7	81	8	77	172	22	none.

JOHN BURNETT, Sheriff.

No. 41.

RETURN of PROCESS issued out of the SUPREME COURT of Van Diemen's Land; together with ACTIONS commenced or tried; as likewise JUDGMENTS, SUITS IN EQUITY, &c. during the Year 1847.

	Summons.	Capias.	Actions brought.	Actions tried.	Declarations filed.	Verdict by Consent.	Judgments on Warrants of Attorney and Cognovit.	Judgments on Computation by the Master.	Judgments in Indeb. Assump. Debt on Simple Contract under Sect. 35 of Act of Council 7 W. 4, No. 2.	Judgments against Acceptors of Bills of Exchange and Makers of Notes under Act of Council.	Executions.		Warrants of Attorney.	Cognovits.	Equity Suits commenced.	Equity Suits decided.
											Fi. Fa.	Ca. Sa.				
1847..	353	26	383	31	116	2	49	8	40	3	63	16	86	14	3	none.*

* But numerous Special Orders made upon Petitions, &c.

W. SORELL, Registrar Supreme Court.

No. 42.

RETURN showing the Number of CONVICTIONS before the Supreme Court and Courts of Quarter Sessions during the Year 1847.

CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON.	Supreme Court.	Courts of Quarter Sessions.	CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY.	Supreme Court.	Courts of Quarter Sessions.
Assault with intent to ravish.....	1	1	Burglary.....	14	8
Ditto on Children under 10 years of age.....	1	1	Cattle-stealing.....	1	..
Ditto and Robbery.....	..	1	Embezzlement.....	..	1
Ditto with intent to rob.....	2	..	Feloniously receiving.....	8	..
Burglary with violence.....	1	..	Ditto offering, &c. forged instruments.....	11	..
Larceny in Dwelling-house and putting in fear.....	1	..	Horse-stealing.....	5	..
Manslaughter.....	4	..	Housebreaking.....	4	1
Murder.....	3	..	Larceny.....	40	51
Robbery.....	23	..	Ditto from Master.....	1	..
Ditto and beating.....	1	..	Ditto by Servant.....	..	4
Ditto being armed with offensive weapons.....	8	..	Ditto on a navigable River.....	1	..
Shooting with intent to do some bodily harm.....	1	..	Ditto in Dwelling-house above £5.....	1	..
Stabbing, cutting, and wounding with intent to kill..	4	..	Maliciously wounding Cattle.....	..	1
Wounding with intent to murder.....	2	..	Obtaining Money under false pretences.....	2	..
			Sheep-stealing.....	..	6
			Uttering Counterfeit Coin.....	2	..
	52	3		90	72
	55			162	

Certified by the Registrar of the Supreme Court and the Clerks of the Peace.

STATEMENT of OFFENCES and PUNISHMENTS in Van Diemen's Land, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1847.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF PER- SONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE PO- LICE DURING THE YEAR.		WHO HAVE BEEN PUNISHED OR DISCHARGED, AS FOLLOWS:—																		
	Free.	Bond.	Committed for Trial.	Extended Sentence.	Penal Settlements.	Chain Gangs.	Road Parties.	Tread-wheel.	Cells.	Stocks.	Flogged.	Number of Lashes.	Admonished.	Discharged.	Fined for Drunken- ness.	Fined under Colo- nial Acts.	Fined for Assaults, &c.	House of Correction.	Sureties.	Remanded.	Various decisions not under any of the preceding heads.
Hobart Town	3112	5845	135	26	10	202	1287	118	1071	7	1	36	305	878	1286	828	82	1363	50	895	413
Launceston	1066	1228	63	20	3	13	214	283	111	..	..	..	175	305	401	460	19	143	28	..	56
Westbury	107	511	14	2	3	10	128	..	114	11	..	..	63	91	38	14	9	7	5	108	1
New Norfolk	176	990	18	28	1	133	294	1	295	..	1	20	61	104	95	93	3	20	1	..	18
Richmond	226	790	24	54	..	12	466	..	9	..	2	61	107	104	104	64	24	22	1	9	14
Oatlands	107	638	13	2	17	41	239	..	39	..	1	100	99	76	87	30	..	7	..	67	27
Campbell Town	279	853	27	4	1	27	154	..	88	11	..	..	268	163	109	62	8	27	2	59	22
Norfolk Plains	266	676	30	8	..	17	167	..	128	10	..	..	84	79	191	34	12	82	..	20	80
Bothwell	185	397	16	9	3	17	142	..	23	..	..	..	61	68	69	94	7	41	3	2	27
Brighton and Green Ponds ..	145	702	16	3	21	20	236	..	160	..	..	..	73	119	72	55	2	9	1	30	30
Great Swanport	94	252	10	6	..	..	31	..	31	..	..	..	58	30	80	39	4	10	4	23	20
George Town	52	202	3	..	..	5	69	..	2	1	1	36	49	33	18	11	3	14	..	37	8
Prosser's Plains and Sorell ..	136	387	10	2	..	12	162	3	29	..	..	..	67	85	58	41	8	28	..	5	13
Fingal	20	150	12	12	..	2	40	..	6	..	..	..	18	11	19	2	1	9	..	38	..
Morven	279	435	7	6	..	15	102	36	12	20	..	..	43	88	248	54	3	27	12	30	11
Hamilton	104	394	8	9	..	11	94	..	73	..	1	30	..	10	57	23	4	48	2	22	136
Circular Head	69	111	..	1	..	3	22	..	..	..	..	..	22	38	69	15	6	2	..	..	2
Port Sorell	15	73	..	..	1	15	9	..	14	..	..	..	11	20	1	2	2	4	..	4	5
	6438	14,634																			
TOTAL	21,072*		406	192	60	555	3956	441	2205	60	7	283	1564	2302	3002	1921	197	1863	109	1349	883

* Not including those taken before the Visiting Magistrates at Convict Stations,—as Norfolk Island, Port Arthur, Maria Island, &c.,—who are reported through the Comptroller-General.

HOW DISPOSED OF.	BOND.	FREE.	TOTAL.
Committed for Trial	222	184	406
Convicted by Magistrates	12,914	5450	18,364
Discharged by ditto	1498	804	2302
TOTAL	14,634	6438	21,072

F. BURGESS, Chief Police Magistrate.

No. 44.

SUMMARY of each Description of OFFENCE committed during the Year 1847.

OFFENCES.	Hobart.		Launce- ton.		Westbury.		New Norfolk.		Oatlands.		Campbell Town.		Longford.		Bothwell.		Brighton.		Great Swanport.		George Town.		Prosser's Plains and Sorell.		Fingal.		Morven.		Hamilton.		Circular Head.		Port Sorell.		Richmond.		
	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.	Free.	Bond.			
Robbery and Larceny	293	688	62	123	13	38	12	63	8	21	23	88	22	39	10	12	20	59	7	25	5	9	16	34	3	22	16	26	17	32	4	10	1	5	12	78	
Escounding .....	..	316	15	34	5	10	6	83	..	54	..	42	..	17	..	16	1	80	2	5	..	16	..	18	..	48	6	30	..	19	..	1	3	..	46	
Subordination	3	6	3	2	..	1	..	9	..	4	..	24	..	12	..	7	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	
Absent without Leave	82	1000	22	113	..	24	..	99	2	..	..	72	12	73	..	12	1	62	..	14	..	13	1	46	1	6	1	47	..	8	..	1	..	12	1	221
Disobedience of Orders	29	131	11	48	..	50	..	109	1	36	..	64	..	33	..	9	..	28	..	10	..	16	..	30	..	11	..	28	..	21	..	..	18	..	46	
Drunkenness	1258	793	346	242	36	80	68	141	87	68	132	137	119	208	49	68	41	126	43	64	12	25	49	73	11	21	175	144	37	54	37	43	1	7	97	170	
Neglect of Duty	17	124	3	19	..	21	..	77	1	38	..	26	6	17	..	14	1	16	..	..	..	1	..	20	..	1	..	19	..	10	..	4	..	6	1	23
Insolence .....	..	87	..	36	..	21	..	23	..	11	..	43	..	28	..	19	..	36	..	7	..	11	..	13	..	4	..	22	..	14	..	..	..	6	..	25
Idleness .....	..	6	14	7	..	1	..	25	..	17	..	8	..	1	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	3	9	7
Indemeanor	53	1940	36	95	1	175	20	11	..	..	2	2	5	..	..	1	65	13	..	..	..	..	14	1	25	1	1	..	..	6	47	..	..	..	..
Local Convictions under Colonial Acts and English Statutes	850	155	442	50	21	..	63	13	8	..	84	13	26	7	73	21	6	..	32	26	20	1	53	11	2	2	32	22	6	..	13	1	7	..	80	1	
Assaults	184	66	6	28	8	12	5	12	..	18	10	29	7	7	6	5	5	15	5	4	3	5	11	8	..	6	7	14	12	7	9	4	4	1	25	20	
Offences against the Peace and for Good Behaviour	44	..	32	3	4	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	9	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Various other Charges not under the foregoing heads	296	513	20	428	1	1	1	325	..	347	26	299	69	234	44	210	4	261	2	97	11	101	6	111	2	4	32	77	30	226	..	..	1	9	1	148
Cases under Examination	3	20	..	..	18	76	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..
Total	3112	5845	1066	1228	107	511	176	990	107	638	279	853	266	676	185	397	145	702	94	252	51	203	136	387	20	150	279	435	104	394	69	111	15	73	226	790	
GENERAL TOTAL	8957		2294		618		1166		745		1132		942		582		847		346		254		523		170		714		498		180		88		1016		21,072

F. BURGESS, Chief Police Magistrate.

No. 45.

RETURN showing the Number of CONVICTS in Van Diemen's Land; the Number of Persons reported to the Chief Police Magistrate as having been brought before the Police Magistrates of the Territory, (not including Maria Island, Tasman's Peninsula, and Norfolk Island), distinguishing between FREE PEOPLE and CONVICTS; also the Number of COMMITTALS consequent thereon; during the Year 1847.

PERIOD.		NUMBER OF CONVICTS IN THE COLONY.	NUMBER OF PERSONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE POLICE MAGIS- TRATES.			NUMBER OF COMMITTALS.
YEAR.	MONTH.		FREE.	CONVICTS.	TOTAL.	
1847.	January....	30,476	457	969	1,426	19
	February....	30,614	481	1,129	1,610	20
	March	30,846	545	1,160	1,705	24
	April	30,604	628	1,342	1,970	38
	May	30,520	496	1,130	1,626	36
	June	29,927	372	1,007	1,379	31
	July	29,764	432	1,192	1,624	28
	August	29,667	546	1,098	1,644	36
	September..	28,926	542	1,090	1,632	39
	October	28,531	578	1,293	1,871	38
	November ..	27,127	684	1,552	2,236	63
	December ..	27,070	677	1,672	2,349	34
			6438	14,634	21,072	406

NOTE.—The number of Free Persons in the Colony on 31st December, 1847, was 45,976.

F. BURGESS, *Chief Police Magistrate.*

No. 46.

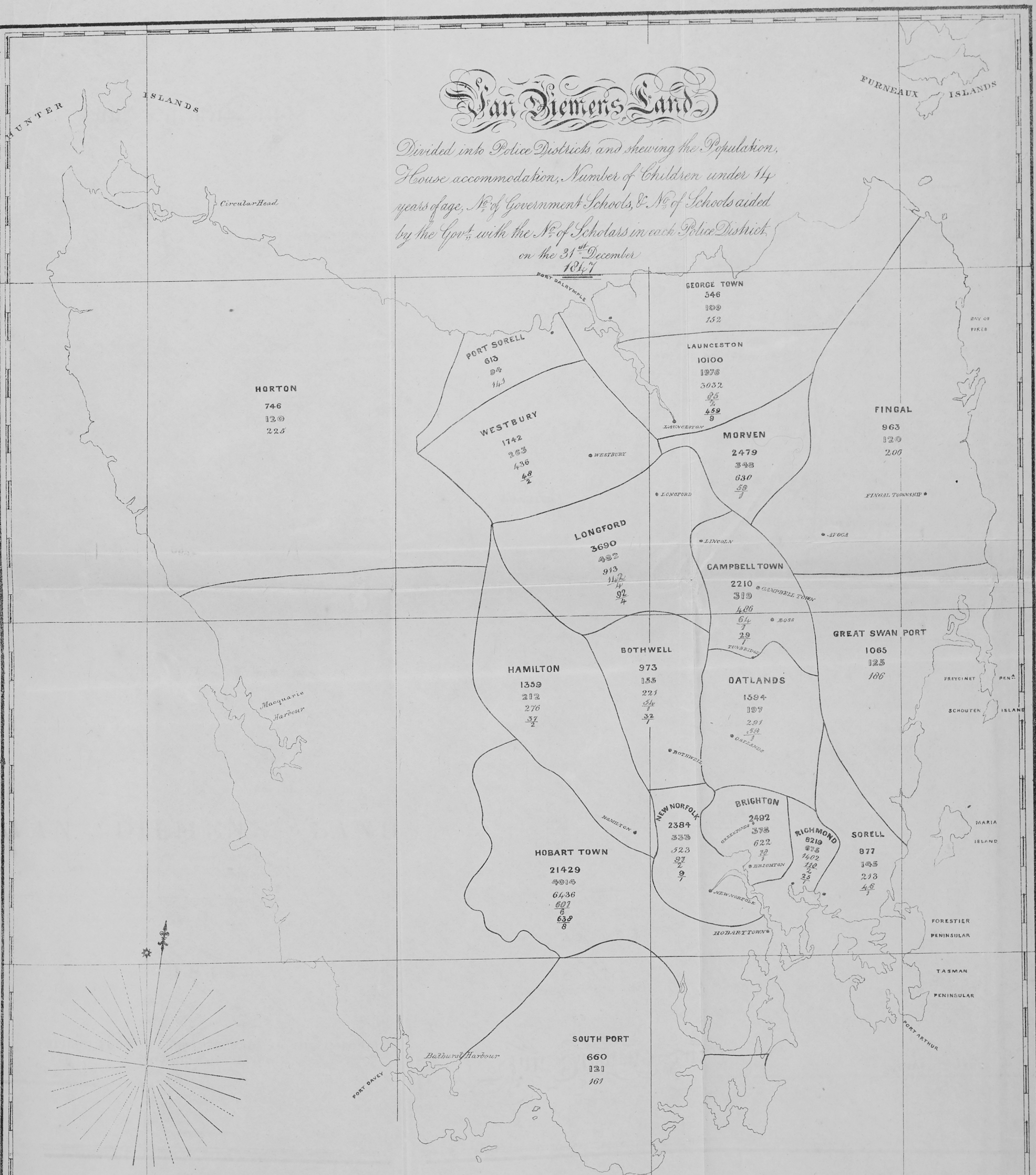
NUMBER of TICKETS-OF-LEAVE and of FREE and CONDITIONAL PARDONS granted to Convicts in Van Diemen's Land, during the Year 1847.

YEAR.	TICKETS-OF-LEAVE.		FREE PARDONS.		CONDITIONAL PARDONS.	
	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.
In 1847..	2749	238	2	..	953	135

JAMES THOMSON, *Registrar.*

Van Diemens Land

Divided into Police Districts, and shewing the Population, House accommodation, Number of Children under 14 years of age, No. of Government Schools, & No. of Schools aided by the Gov^t, with the No. of Scholars in each Police District on the 31st December 1847



References

Population.....	thus 2384
Houses.....	333
Children under 14 years of Age.....	523
No. of Children attending Government Schools (and a number of Government Schools)	97
No. of Children attending Schools aided by Gov ^t (and No. of Schools aided by Gov ^t)	9

No. 48.

RETURN of the ASSETS and LIABILITIES of the several BANKS of Van Diemen's Land, at the End of the Year 1847 ; as extracted from the Hobart Town Gazette.

BANKS.	ASSETS.						LIABILITIES.					
	Bullion.			Bills of Exchange, &c.			Notes and Bills in Circulation.			Deposits.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bank of Van Diemen's Land	9,698	15	8	160,900	11	1	11,919	0	0	67,547	0	10
Commercial Bank	35,454	12	1	190,403	17	1	15,458	0	0	93,546	19	1
Derwent Bank* .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Union Bank... ..	126,012	13	10	281,364	1	9	19,823	14	2	153,860	2	10
Bank of Australasia†.....	53,920	6	4	382,960	11	0	19,097	3	3	117,195	6	6

* This Bank declines to allow any statement of its affairs to be published.
† Returns from this Bank made up to 13th October.

No. 49.

RETURN of the Amount of DEPOSITS in the several SAVINGS' BANKS, at the End of the Year 1847.

DISTRICT.	TOTAL NUMBER OF DEPOSITORS.	TOTAL AMOUNT DEPOSITED.	AMOUNT OF LAST DIVIDEND.	WHEN DECLARED.
Hobart Town Derwent Savings' Bank	232	£7,975 18 5	4 per cent.	Dec. 31, 1847
Hobart Town Savings' Bank.....	1634	17,702 8 1	4 ditto.	..
Launceston Savings' Bank	746	13,118 8 7	3 ditto.	..
TOTAL.....	2612	£38,796 15 1	..	..

Certified by the Managing Directors.

No. 50.

RETURN showing the Sum paid for PAUPERISM in Van Diemen's Land from the Colonial Treasury, during the Year 1847.

Repaid to the Commissariat Department for Rations, Medicines, and Medical Attendance to Free Pau- pers, and Maintenance of Children of Free Parents, who are Orphans in the Queen's Orphan Schools at New Town.....	£6740 16 7
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No. 51.

RETURN showing the Number of ORPHAN CHILDREN supported at the Expence of the British Treasury and the Colonial Funds, during the Year 1847, at the Queen's Orphan Schools.

Number remaining on 31st December, 1846.	Number received during the Year 1847.	Number apprenticed during the Year 1847.	Number discharged to Friends during the Year 1847.	Died.	Number remaining on 31st December, 1847.
399	148	34	60	5	448*

* Of these 53 were Orphans, chargeable upon Colonial Funds, and 7 were Aborigines, chargeable upon the Land Fund.

C. O'HARA BOOTH, Superintendent.

No. 52.

RETURN relative to the LAND REVENUE of Van Diemen's Land, for the Year 1847.

REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance of Land Revenue on 31st December, 1846.....	6,784	17	4	Charges on the Land Fund during the Year 1847...	17,414	18	5
Amount received during the Year 1847.....	21,314	9	0	Balance of Land Revenue on 31st December, 1847.....	10,684	7	11
TOTAL.....	£28,099	6	4	TOTAL.....	£28,099	6	4

ADAM TURNBULL, Collector of Internal Revenue.

No. 53.

RETURN showing the Number of PERSONS who arrived in the Colony during the Year 1847 ; as also the Number of ADULTS who have emigrated during the same Period.

No. 1.—IMMIGRATION.				No. 2.—EMIGRATION.*			
FROM WHAT PLACE.	Free, including Troops.	Convicts.	Total.	TO WHAT PLACE.	Free Persons, including Troops.	Persons who have been Con- victs.	Total.
Great Britain	680	1539	2219	Port Phillip	1763	1975	3738
New South Wales	1927	49	1976	Sydney	305	129	434
Foreign States	8	..	8	Adelaide	248	79	327
Norfolk Island .....	..	1075	1075	Other places.....	254	34	288
Other places	260	..	260				
TOTAL	2875	2663	5538	TOTAL	2570	2217	4787

Certified by the Port Officer. Certified by the Chief Police Magistrate.

* This Return does not include Children.

No. 54.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLES *for the Year 1847; taken at the Royal Observatory, Hobart Town.*

Latitude.....42° 52' South.
Longitude..... 9^h.50^m. East.

Mean Pressure and Temperature for the Year 1847.

1847.	Barometer during the Month.		Fahrenheit's Thermometer during the Month.		Mean for the whole Month.	
	MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.	MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.	BAROMETER.	THERMO-METER.
	<i>Inch.</i>	<i>Inch.</i>	°	°	<i>Inch.</i>	°
January	30·117	29·109	88·2	46·0	29·690	61·8
February.....	30·190	29·146	87·9	48·1	29·828	60·9
March	30·240	28·917	86·8	43·0	29·772	57·9
April.....	30·323	29·065	73·6	38·8	29·816	53·2
May.....	30·467	29·057	64·0	34·2	29·836	47·6
June.....	30·160	28·864	53·4	33·2	29·643	43·1
July	30·050	28·510	55·0	33·0	29·493	43·9
August	30·270	29·211	65·0	36·0	29·773	47·9
September	30·499	29·343	70·4	36·2	29·897	51·4
October.....	30·262	29·276	77·1	38·3	29·853	52·5
November.....	30·089	29·031	83·0	41·6	29·631	54·9
December	30·384	28·972	100·0	42·5	29·725	62·9

NOTE.—The mean pressure and temperature for the whole month are deduced from hourly observations, day and night, throughout the whole year, except on Sundays.

	<i>Barometer.</i>	<i>Thermometer.</i>
Mean for the Year.....	29·746	53°·2

The mean temperature of the air for the year 1847 is below the average of previous years, principally caused by unusually cold weather in the month of November, during which time a very severe epidemic was raging throughout the Colony. The Isothermal line passing through the latitude of Hobart Town is about 57°; and it will be found to be the temperature of all deep wells in its vicinity.

The cistern of the Standard Barometer of the Royal Observatory is 107 feet above the level of the sea, causing a depression in the mercurial column of about 0·1.

Quantity of Rain which fell in the Year 1847, as denoted by the Self-registering Rain Gauge at the Observatory.

	<i>Inch.</i>
January.....	0·12
February	0·13
March.....	2·64

April	1·83
May	1·46
June	0·64
July	1·82
August	0·60
September	0·40
October	1·74
November	2·23
December	0·41

Total Quantity.... 14·02

It is worthy of remark, that the results of six years' observation with a Self-registering Rain Gauge show alternate wet and dry seasons; viz.—

In 1842.....	^{Inch.} 22·84	was the quantity of rain registered.
1843.....	13·20	
1844.....	24·00	
1845.....	15·89	
1846.....	22·58	
1847.....	14·02	

18·75 mean yearly average.

There can be little doubt but that the position of the Observatory, with a lofty mountain on its windward side (the westerly winds prevailing through so large a portion of the year), and a large river on the other, is unfavourable for a very correct register of the rain; and observations on the northern parts of the Island show that much more falls annually there than at Hobart Town, where Mount Wellington absorbs much of the moisture which would otherwise be precipitated.

The average of the Observatory Register will therefore, probably, be below the average quantity which falls in other parts of the Colony, except the eastern coast.

Number of Hours in each Month in the Year 1847 on which the Wind blew from the following Quarters.

MONTH.	North.	South.	East.	West.	N. W.	S. W.	N. E.	S. E.	Calm.	Total No. of Hours.	REMARKS.
January	9	6	14	15	281	18	52	291	58	744	
February ...	8	2	9	8	231	28	6	330	50	672	
March	3	5	3	10	296	72	36	242	77	744	
April	14	6	4	6	419	29	50	127	65	720	
May	12	23	1	6	560	24	40	40	38	744	
June	8	8	0	3	555	40	10	24	72	720	
July	3	19	0	4	590	29	12	23	64	744	
August	16	0	0	5	642	9	8	15	49	744	
September ..	40	6	0	7	468	45	23	72	59	720	
October	11	24	8	5	366	63	27	168	72	744	
November...	28	16	3	19	387	68	30	128	32	711	Register lost for 9 hours.
December...	73	36	1	9	193	36	47	260	68	723	Register lost for 21 hours.
										8730	
										30	Hours lost. Instrument out of order.
										8760	Total No. Hours = 365 Days.

General Remarks upon the Weather during the Year 1847.

There were fourteen days in the year on which the hot wind from north to N.W. blew ; viz.—

7th January.	
13th Ditto.	
13th February.	
21st Ditto.	{ This day Thermometer was 100° in shade—and at mid- night it was 73°.
27th Ditto.	
16th March.	
1st September.	
7th Ditto.	
17th Ditto.	
9th October.	
18th Ditto.	
13th November.	
8th December.	{ This day Thermometer was 103° in the shade—and a black bulb Thermometer exposed to the sun was 156°5.
28th Ditto.	

The most intense hot winds were on the 21st February and the 8th of December. On the former day the sky was cloudless, but covered with a haze of a smoke-like appearance, through which the sun shone with a lurid glare ; the air at the same time being extremely oppressive and sultry, and the wind in blasts as from a heated furnace. The evaporation was enormous ; and a Thermometer, with its bulb kept moistened with pure water, showed 67°, with the surrounding air at 100°. The hot wind of 8th December was equally intense in its character.

The most brilliant Auroras ever seen in this Colony were also visible during 1847, on the following nights :—

24th September,	25th October,
23rd October,	20th December,
24th Ditto,	

causing most violent perturbations in the Magnetic Instruments ; and a brilliant Aurora was visible in England at the same time, and caused a similar Magnetic disturbance. The month of November, which followed the most brilliant of these phenomena, was unusually severe, with cold S.W. winds, and frequent snow on Mount Wellington. Great sickness prevailed throughout the Colony.

Prevailing Winds.

The sea-breeze generally commences to blow regularly in the month of October, setting in about noon, and increasing in strength until 5 P.M., after which it usually dies away gradually. Sometimes, when the morning has been very hot, the sea-breeze sets in earlier. In April it ceases to blow regularly.

The greatest amount of calm throughout the year is from the hour of 9 P.M. to 4 A.M. ; and in the summer months a land wind from the N.W. springs up usually about 10 P.M., and blows a moderate breeze throughout the night : but, with few exceptions, it gives way to the sea-breeze between 8 A.M. and noon.

During the winter months the westerly winds are paramount ; the gales commence at north and N.N.W., gradually veering round to the westward : when they get to the south of west, thick rainy weather sets in for some time, and the gale settles at about S.S.W. The sky then partially clears ; but frequent

heavy squalls of rain and sleet pass over for some hours, with clear intervals of sunshine; after which the wind goes back to its old N.W. quarter, and the weather becomes settled.

A N.E. wind, if it continues to blow for a few hours, invariably brings rain. Thunder and lightning are not frequent, but occur occasionally after a hot wind, with the usual heavy rain attendant upon thunder-storms. They always approach from to leeward.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable states of the atmospheric pressure occurred in the month of July. At 1 P.M. on the 23rd of that month the barometer stood at 28ⁱⁿ·510, the lowest registered at the Observatory since its establishment in 1840; the weather at the same time being beautifully clear and fine, and remaining so for some days. Accounts received afterwards from the neighbouring Colonies showed that floods of rain had occurred at that time; and on the northern side of this Island a large quantity fell also: but there was none in the neighbourhood of Hobart Town.

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THE END.